



TO: City Council
FROM: Michelle Hayes, Finance Director
SUBJECT: Watering Ban
DATE: July 9, 2024

Background:

Per state statute, the city pays a surcharge fee for all gallons during the summer months above and beyond what was pumped in January. The limit used to be 50% above January, but this has now been removed. When pulling the usages for June, we noticed many account spikes in usage for outside water. Based on the pumpage reports, we are just barely over January usage for this month and the expectation is that the outside water use will continue to rise as we move into the summer months.

Action Requested:

Review and approve the attached resolution enacting an odd/even watering ban along with hour restrictions.

Also, we may want to consider writing a code revision that enacts the odd/even watering ban along with specific watering hours during the summer months on a regular basis. Most cities have this automatically in place from May to September and follow similar time frames for not watering during the day. This would prevent us from having to do the resolution each year and then retract it in the fall.

**CITY OF STACY
CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-7-2

**RESOLUTION LIMITING THE DAYS AND TIMES WHICH
WATER MAY BE USED FOR LAWN SPRINKLING**

WHEREAS, the City Municipal Water Supply may reach critical levels due to summer peak usage, and

WHEREAS, a possibility of water shortage is made more critical by hot, dry weather conditions, and

WHEREAS, lack of adequate water pressure could cause serious fire protection problems, and

WHEREAS, for the above-enumerated reasons, a shortage of water supply threatens the City; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a watering ban must be implemented in order to assure the safety and well being of citizens of the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stacy City Council hereby establishes restrictions for all residents, commercial, and industry that use municipal water as follows:

1. Residents with an odd-numbered address shall water lawns or wash cars when necessary only on odd-numbered calendar days, and those with even-numbered addresses shall water lawns or wash cars only on even-numbered days.
2. On the above-referenced permitted days, properties shall not water lawns between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
3. An exception shall be granted for recently established lawns. Those lawns may be watered daily for up to one month after installation, but only during the permitted hours listed above.
4. Municipal water customers who have been notified of the said restrictions, and who violate the watering ban, shall be fined \$25 for each day of violation, which may be added to the water bill of the property of which the violation occurs. Each day of violation shall be deemed a separate violation. Continued violation shall be cause for discontinuance of water service. Violation of these restrictions shall also be subject to penalties pursuant to Section 51.07 of the City Code.

5. This Resolution shall remain in effect until rescinded by the City Council.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Stacy, Minnesota this 9th day of July, 2024.

Mark Utecht, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tanya Smolke, City Clerk